



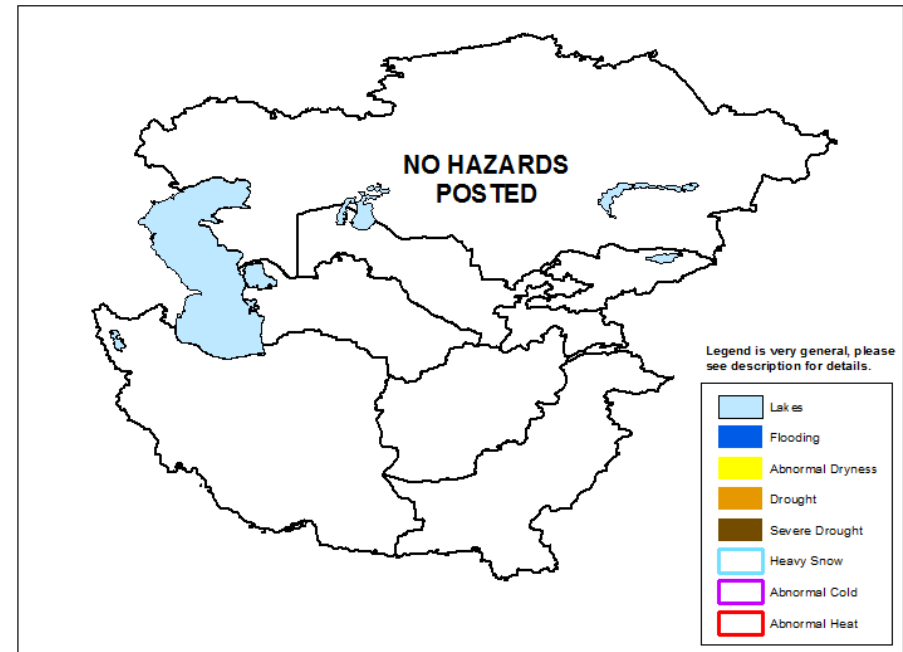
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook December 24 - 30, 2015

Temperatures:

Above-normal temperatures (1 to 7 degrees C) prevailed across Kazakhstan from December 13 to 19, while below-normal temperatures (1 to 4 degrees C) were observed across Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and southern parts of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Minimum temperatures fell to around -5 degrees C in the lower elevations of Afghanistan during the past week. The GFS model indicates that minimum temperatures are likely to average above-normal during the next week across much of the region.

Precipitation

During the past week, most areas across the region received light precipitation (less than 10 mm, liquid equivalent). Precipitation has averaged near normal during the past 30 days throughout Central Asia. Since the beginning of October, snow water volume amounts are running near or slightly above-average across the basins of northeastern Afghanistan and western Tajikistan, according to model analyses. During the next week, widespread rain and snow (5 to 50 mm, liquid equivalent) is expected across Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.